

JONATHAN WILLIAMS SWIFT.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 635.]

MAY 29, 1858.

Mr. CASE, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom were referred the memorial and papers of Jonathan Williams Swift, a lieutenant in the United States navy, report :

That it appears from the evidence in the case that the memorialist entered the navy as a midshipman in the year 1823 ; that some time in the year 1827, while in the service of the United States, and in the line of his duty on board the frigate *Brandywine*, then constituting part of the Pacific squadron, under the command of Commodore Jacob Jones, from exposure to the severe climate and hot sun in procuring water for the use of said frigate, in obedience to orders, was attacked with violent inflammation of the brain, resulting in partial and confirmed paralysis, and involving an impaired use of the lower extremities, and a tendency to great nervous excitability, and constant liability to congestion of the brain, whereby he was rendered totally unable to discharge the duties of his profession, or with jeopardy of his life.

Surgeons Patton and Haslett of the United States navy and Surgeon George N. Day certify to the facts stated in the memorial, and that his disease constitutes a permanent total disability, contracted while in the performance of his duty as a midshipman.

Your committee therefore consider him entitled to relief, and report a bill accordingly.

